

OREGON EXPORTS CASH FOR CORN IT COULD GROW

ONE MALHEUR COMPANY ANNUALLY BRINGS IN ENOUGH CORN FROM NEBRASKA TO KEEP FARMS OF FIFTEEN COUNTY RANCHERS BUSY

THOUSANDS LOST TO OREGON

Bulky Freight Moved Thousands of Miles When as Good or Better Product Could be Raised at Home—An Example of Faulty Economics

Although for many years demonstrated that this is the best corn section of the state, and that here a greater yield of corn can be produced than in Iowa, Illinois or Nebraska, still there is so small an acreage devoted to the crop annually thousands upon thousands of dollars are exported from this state to pay for corn which might have been raised here.

It is said by those who are in a position to know something about the importation of this crop that enough corn is brought to Malheur county each year by one sheep company to keep fifteen farmers in the county busy. In this year and other years when potatoes and other crops are not entirely profitable think what the loss means.

It costs approximately \$1000 for a carload of corn shipped from Kearney, Nebraska, beside the freight, which is likewise a big item, and on every carload shipped to Oregon that freight might be saved to the farmers of this state.

While Malheur county is losing this opportunity due to unexplainable reasons, the entire state and the northwest generally is paying a tribute to the corn raisers of the Middle West. In a recent issue of the Oregon Farmer Prof. George R. Hyslop, chief of the farm crop division of O. A. C. discusses this loss of Oregon money in the following graphic article:

How would you like to see 33 trainloads of corn rolling down the railroads to Portland and Seattle each year? Probably you do not believe that 33 trainloads of corn were shipped into the Pacific Northwest last year, but while there were not actually 33 solid trainloads of corn brought into the northwest its equivalent was shipped into the cities of Portland and Seattle during the 12-month period ended September 30.

14 Miles of Corn Cars
Eleven hundred and twenty-seven carloads of corn were inspected at Seattle last year and 525 carloads were inspected at Portland during the same period of time. This total of 1652 carloads to these two points where they were inspected received, came largely from outside the northwest. These amounting to approximately 1,500,000 bushels of corn, represents fully 14 miles of loaded freight cars, that might have been filled in certain of the Oregon corn producing districts following the market demands.

In addition to the 1652 carloads there were many additional carloads shipped to individuals, smaller dealers and groups in other parts of the state where grain inspectors do not have occasion to inspect the corn. These carloads shipped into Portland and Seattle amount to about 25 extra bushels for each of the 66,000 acres of corn grown in Oregon this year.

Our Money Goes East
All the money for the more than 1,500,000 bushels of corn went to eastern states and much of this corn went through the Malheur, west Umatilla and north Morrow county corn-producing district. These two warm, irrigated districts and Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties can grow corn good enough to shell and ship.

Here is another opportunity to keep Oregon money in Oregon, and at the same time to save excessive freight rates on feed.

A Good Rotation Crop
Corn fits very nicely into the irrigated rotation in that it is very economical of water, as the water re-

BOYS AND GIRLS START ON THEIR RETURN TO COLLEGE

After a week at home there will be a general exodus of the Ontario delegations to the various colleges and universities. Some of the students start back on Sunday while others will remain until Monday. Those home from the University of Oregon are Ruth McCulloch, James Purcell and Martin Moore; from O. A. C., Joyce Turner, Claude Christianson, Byron Nebb and Vernon Butler; from the University of Washington, Ed. Fraser and Frank Clement, and from Whitman, William Lees.

Bernard Rader, too came home from the University of Washington bearing with him his sheepskin and will not return, he having completed his work for his degree. He has taken a position in Rader Brothers and will be in charge of the shoe department.

BISHOP McGRATH HOLDS CHRISTMAS SERVICES HERE

Owing to the illness of Rev. Fr. P. J. Stack, Bishop McGrath of Baker came to Ontario last Saturday evening and presided at the regular services at the church of the Blessed Sacrament. While here the Bishop remained for the Christmas services holding Midnight Mass Sunday night and High Mass Monday morning.

NEW CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE OFFICE ON TUESDAY

Change in Administration Will Follow Adjourned Meeting of Former Body—No Announcements of Any Kind Made As Yet

Ontario will have a new city administration next Tuesday. At that time the present city fathers will meet, pay the current bills and hear the minutes of their last meeting read and will then turn over the reins of government to their successors.

Mayor W. H. Doolittle and Councilmen W. L. Turner and W. J. Weese will be the continuing officers they having been elected at the same time that the new councilmen were. The members of the incoming organization are: Councilmen V. B. Staples, C. P. Skow, J. T. McNulty and A. G. Moore. Mr. Moore was a member of the council three years ago.

As yet no announcement has been made relative to appointive officers.

FATHER OF ONTARIO TEACHER INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT

J. J. Wherry, formerly of this city, father of Miss Laura Wherry of the public school faculty, was seriously injured last Saturday in Boise when an out-bound street car struck his auto on a crossing, mashing the light car and dragging it along the rails for many feet before it stopped. Mr. Wherry was pinned in his car which fortunately was not thrown into the ditch, and in some miraculous manner escaped death. He was injured about the head and body and suffered a badly sprained ankle. No bones were broken and he will recover. The accident was due to the frosted windshield on Mr. Wherry's car and the fact that the street car was ten minutes late on its schedule.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS UNITE IN APPEAL FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

In a united program given at the High school auditorium last Sunday evening the Sunday schools of the Congregational, Methodist and United Presbyterian churches made an appeal for contributions to the fund for the Near East. Mrs. H. L. Peterson was chairman of the committee which arranged the song service presented. Rev. Reese read the scripture and Rev. James presented the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus.

The Oregon club's Christmas dance registered again the success of that organization as one of the most successful entertainers in the valley. The hall was beautifully decorated in holiday colors and a large crowd not only of Ontario folk, but from the outside as well was present to enjoy the festivities. The club will entertain again on New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Howland drove to Boise Tuesday.

LOCAL IRRIGATORS WILL URGE RATE ADJUSTMENT

Power Users' Association Instructed to Proceed to Secure Lower Rates Based Upon Valuation Findings of Commission of Idaho

At a meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the City Hall by representatives of nearly all of the irrigation districts and companies using power for irrigation pumping, as well as a number of owners of private plants, it was determined to request the old officers of the Malheur County Power Users association to proceed with the necessary steps for an appearance before the public utilities commission in an effort to secure lower power rates based upon the findings of the Idaho utilities commission on the valuation of the Idaho Power company properties.

Ivan E. Oakes, general manager of the Owyhee Ditch company presided at the meeting and outlined the status of the case as the result of the hearing. He said that with so short a time to prepare for the hearing that action was necessary and urged the representatives of the various districts and companies to secure power from their organizations for action at a meeting called for Saturday of this week.

C. M. Beaumont of Kingman Colony, Charles Lias and Otto Mehl of Oregon Slope and R. R. Overstreet of Owyhee discussed the situation as did Judge Dalton Biggs and Mr. Belnap, both independent users, and all were agreed that if T. W. Claggett, L. R. Breithaupt, Mr. Oakes, J. R. Brown and L. L. Culbertson, who had charge of the preliminary work and followed through the first case would ask further that they be asked to do so.

Mr. Claggett was the secretary of the first organization and with the assistance of Mr. Breithaupt and Mr. Gunn of O. A. C. prepared the studies which were presented at the first hearing, showing the returns secured by farmers raising crops under pumping systems.

Mr. Breithaupt declared his willingness to again aid in compiling the data, but urged that someone be secured to visit the ranchers and get them to present their figures. In a recent effort to get data like this, said Mr. Breithaupt, only one rancher, in ten answered the letters sent out, and only a portion of those who did answer presented sufficient figures to be of real value. To make the proper showing he said would require a great deal of individual work as well as a more general cooperation than previous efforts have received.

Since it is possible that a large sum may be saved to the ranchers of the county who use power, \$155,000 was the irrigation power bill of Malheur county alone last year, it would seem, said several of the speakers that the ranchers would bestir themselves and make an effort to present the right kind of a showing. Some of the companies in the association have not yet paid the assessment made on them for the first hearing, and Mr. Claggett who gave a great deal of time and effort did so gratuitously, which several speakers declared was unfair to him, and should not be asked of him again.

Credit for the successful showing made by Malheur county farmers at previous hearings was attributed to the work of Mr. Claggett and Mr. Breithaupt by several speakers, for from it resulted the ten per cent reduction secured this year with the elimination of the surcharge which was granted two years ago by the Oregon and Idaho commissions.

A meeting of all the power users in this section of the valley will be held in Boise on January 22, called by Mayor Sherman of Boise. At a meeting of the Commercial club directors preceding the meeting Wednesday it was decided that no request for a reduction in commercial rates to make up the difference in irrigation rates would be requested by the city.

R. H. Wilkinson of McDermott, was an Ontario business visitor on Tuesday. With him came Martin and Rosalia Echave, stockmen of the McDermott section.

Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne entertained the Carnation club at a dinner Tuesday evening followed by Five Hundred.

PAIRE COUNTY BUDGET BUT RETAINS ADVISORS

Budget Board Listens to Arguments of Advocates of County Agent Service—Market Road Fund Continued—State Levy Reduced

After listening all day Wednesday to the arguments pro and con on the matter of retaining the services of the County Agricultural Advisor, the county budget board consisting of the County Judge E. H. Test, Commissioners Frank M. Vines and G. W. Dean, and William Jones, H. C. Boyer and A. A. Gutteridge adjourned to the next day and on Thursday formally acted upon the various budget proposals and fixed the amount to be raised for next year.

No radical changes were made in the budget estimates as printed a month ago though some of the items were pared down which together with the reduction of the amount asked for state taxes makes the total tax bill of the people of the county over \$20,000 less than it was last year. This is true in spite of the fact that in order to meet the first payment on county road bonds voted in 1918 there was included in the budget an item of \$10,000 to retire bonds.

The taxpayers present, and there was a representative gathering from all sections of the county, were practically unanimous in favor of continuing the county agent work and club work too, so that service continues. The item for market road to match the state appropriation was left in the budget also; while the appropriation for the support of the county fair was reduced from \$1500 to \$1000. A number of the other items were trimmed down also so that the total amount levied is more than \$10,000 less than the preliminary estimate. This difference was taken up by the addition of \$10,000 for the bond payment and the net saving to the taxpayers is practically equivalent to the reduced amount asked by the state.

MASONIC BODIES ELECT NEW OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

Officers of the various Masonic bodies were elected at the annual meetings of the lodges last week and in some cases were installed the night elected. Last Thursday Acadia Lodge No. 118 A. F. & A. M. elected the following officers: John R. Rasmussen, W. M.; Irwin Troxell S. W.; J. W. Springer, J. W.; E. A. Fraser, treasurer; D. P. Dearborn, secretary. On Tuesday night of this week these officers were installed as were the following appointive officers: James Turnbull, chaplain; H. L. Peterson, marshal; D. C. Anderson, S. D.; W. M. Walker, J. D.; A. L. McDowell, S. S.; C. R. Augustus, J. S., and R. S. Rutherford, tyler.

R. A. M. Elects
Zadoc Chapter R. A. M. elected and installed last Friday evening the following officers: J. C. McCraith, H. P.; Ivan E. Oakes, K; J. W. Springer, S.; H. L. Peterson, treasurer; W. M. Walker, secretary; Daniel Purcell, P. S.; Irwin Troxell, C. of H.; W. F. Homan, R. A. C.; H. L. Peterson, Murray Morton and E. A. Fraser, M. of V.; R. S. Rutherford, sentinel.

Star Chapter O. E. S.
At the election of officers for Star Chapter No. 69 O. E. S. the following were chosen: Miss Rosina Clement, W. M.; Mr. H. L. Peterson, W. P.; Mrs. Bessie Ready, A. M.; Mrs. Delta Lingle, conductress; Mrs. Kloe Test, associate conductress; Mrs. Grace Turner, treasurer; Miss Luella Callin, secretary; Mrs. Eudora Anderson, chaplain; Mrs. Pauline Platt, marshal; Mrs. Ernestine Boyer, organist; Mrs. Myrtle Peterson, Adah, Mrs. W. M. Walker, Ruth; Miss Luella B. Callin, Esther; Mrs. Adeline Haw, Martha; Miss Clement, warder and R. S. Rutherford, sentinel.

These officers will be installed tonight with Mrs. Minnie C. Letson, past worthy Grand Matron as installing officer.

L. G. Olson of Boise, formerly of this city, was in Ontario on business today. He is tearing down the old water tank used by the Ontario Water company and moving it to Nampa.

ONTARIO FOLK PRINCIPALS IN TWO BIG SUITS FILED

Ontario folk were the principals named in two large damage actions filed in the district court last week. In the first action T. H. Moore and Theodore Moore are named defendants in a damage action for \$10,000 for injuries suffered by Mrs. Ivy Tyler. The action grows out of an accident in which Mrs. Tyler was struck and thrown to the pavement by the light truck belonging to the Moore hotel and driven by a Korean porter over a year ago. The second action was brought by W. E. Lees against Malheur county in the sum of \$4000 for damages alleged to have been suffered to a ranch belonging to him on the Owyhee. The damage claimed is alleged to have resulted from the constructing of a portion of the Nyssa-Jordan Valley highway through the property.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER DELIVERS LECTURE HERE

Dr. E. R. Huckleberry of the U. S. public health service was in Ontario Tuesday and delivered a lecture to the medical men of the city and a number from Vale, Payette and New Plymouth at the offices of Doctors Weese and Fortner. His subject was that of preventative methods for curbing social diseases. Among the doctors from out of town present were: Doctors Woodward of Payette, Steelhammer of Vale and Drysdale of New Plymouth.

LONG ILLNESS ENDS IN DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH W. BULL

Mrs. Orrin Bull, Mother of Large Family, Many of Whom Live Here, Passes After Life of Usefulness

Mrs. Orrin Bull died at her home west of the city at 7:30 Sunday morning, December 24, 1922, after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon from the home, and at 2:00 from the United Presbyterian church, Rev. F. E. Springer of Caldwell, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. D. Reese of the Congregational church.

Interment was made at the Ontario cemetery.

Maria Elizabeth Wakefield was born at Tiger Lake, Carver county, Minnesota, Dec. 30, 1858. Her earlier life was spent in southern Minnesota, where she was left fatherless while still a small child, her father giving his life for his country during the Civil War. In 1879 she, with her mother and stepfather, moved to Star Lake, Minn., and on June 22, 1881 she was married to Mr. Orrin Bull at Fergus Falls, Minn. They immediately commenced housekeeping on Mr. Bull's farm at Maine, Minn., where practically all their married life was spent and their family of nine children were born. One daughter Annette, died in infancy. Nine years ago last November Mr. and Mrs. Bull sold the home place and came to Ontario, Oregon. Here they built a beautiful country home south west of the city, and where they hoped to spend many years together and in the companionship of their children, most of whom reside in Ontario.

Mrs. Bull was a Christian from girlhood, and after her marriage with her husband, united with the Presbyterian church of Maine, and after their removal to Ontario, became members of the United Presbyterian. Of a quiet, retiring nature here home was her world, but she strove faithfully to be a true help-mate to her husband and a devoted mother to her children, always uniting in her efforts for the comfort and welfare of her family. Truly it can be said of her, "She Looketh Well to the Ways of Her Household."

During the long weeks and months of her last illness her life was a beautiful example of faith and patience.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband and eight children, three sons and five daughters, Mrs. Lola L. Secoy, Schuyler G. Bull, Mrs. Florence L. Keefe of Ontario; Mrs. Myrtle L. Smith of Perram, Minn.; Barney L. Bull, Mrs. Jennie J. Gramse, Earl V. Bull of Ontario, and Mrs. Hazel E. Hieko of Caldwell, Idaho, and fourteen grandchildren besides her many friends who cherish the memory of a good and noble woman.

VALUE OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY FIXED BY ORDER

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF IDAHO HANDS DOWN ORDER SETTING VALUE OF PROPERTY AT SLIGHTLY OVER HALF SUM ASKED BY COMPANY

RATES BE BASED ON FINDING

Commission to Meet Next Month to Name Rates—Order Declares that on Irrigation Equipment Full Rate of Earning Cannot be Expected

Users of electric power for irrigation purposes are elated by reason of the findings reported last Thursday by the public utilities commission of Idaho on the question of the physical valuation of the properties of the Idaho Power company upon which rates for service are based.

By the order of the Idaho commission, which by agreement the Oregon commission is to concur, the value of the company's property is placed at \$11,638,459.60; of which, however, only 13.25 per cent of \$1,542,095.80 represents the excess power devoted to irrigation purposes. And concerning this portion of the property the commission declares that the company cannot expect to make a full earning. This is a vital finding in which the power users are interested and is one which is deemed of great importance, not to the power user of this section alone, but other irrigated regions where power is used for pumping.

Ask for Double Amount Allowed

The case which has been pending for nearly two years is deemed a victory for the contentions of the Southern Idaho Power users association of which the irrigation companies of Malheur county and the City of Ontario became members. The company in its argument for valuations and in its set-up of values claimed a total value of \$22,567,890. The difference between the figures presented by the company and that allowed by the commission is to be found almost entirely in items which the commission declared can not be rightly charged to the properties. Thus there were eliminated from the company's table:

The cost of obtaining money as an element in the expense in building the utility.

The value of non-useful and non-operative properties.

The capitalization of deficits incurred during the struggling years, and inflated purchase prices paid to consolidated companies.

The elimination of portion of the property from full earning basis, such as irrigation properties.

Some of The Cuts
From the company's valuation table upon the principal outlined above the following were a few of the cuts made:

For non-operative property three million dollars; for the cost of obtaining money a reduction of \$1,245,577; for the capitalization of deficits \$1,972,087; for inflated purchase prices there was eliminated \$1,500,000.

The commission set a guide for the capitalization of the deficits at variance with the Wisconsin theory which will have widespread results it is believed. In this connection the commission said:

The consuming public does not guarantee the utility any certain rate on amount of return The utility is entitled to a reasonable return, if it can earn it. It must earn what it gets and it gets only what it earns. If the employment of good management, economy, efficiency and effectiveness does not produce a sufficient earning, a rate change is indicated; but a utility property is not increased in value by a failure for a time to earn a full reasonable return any more than it would be decreased in value by earning more than a reasonable return.

The "irrigation load" was a highly controversial point in the case. The power company was found to have \$1,542,095.80 invested in the service of irrigation farmers, but it

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